

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the last paragraph of page 9 of the present application, which begins on page 9, line 28, and ends on page 10 and line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2(a) illustrates a security system, according to a preferred embodiment of the invention which is configured for a web environment. Particularly, security system 210 is placed between a distrusted network and one or more applications located on one or more web servers 230 in a trusted environment. Security system employs an operation reverse engineering layer between applications and incoming operation requests originating in the distrusted environment, e.g., a transmission control protocol/internet protocol ("TCP/IP") network. For example, incoming operations may be received as external HTTP traffic received via one or more ports 240. System 210 provides tunneling to support distributed, shared, or hosted servers and can represent html documents, cgi scripts, perl scripts, or anything executed on the server(s). Each application path ~~represents~~ is represented as a virtual directory or logical name on a web server representing a physical location of the application(s) on the server(s). For example, Figure 2(b) depicts the virtual subdirectory /My App that comprises subdirectory /Images and /DOCS. Each one of these virtual directories represents an application path.